

*[English]***Thermal Power Stations**

554. SHRI B.L. SHARMA 'PREM' : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Thermal Power Stations working in Delhi under D.E.S.U. and N.T.P.C. have since resorted to the use of washed coal;

(b) if so, the other Thermal Power Stations in the country to whom the directions have been issued by the Government for using only the washed coal in order to reduce the flyash menace; and

(c) whether the Government propose to issue directions to the concerned agencies for supplying only the washed coal to the Thermal Power Stations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) The Central Pollution Control Board has issued directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the three power plants in Delhi under DESU and NTPC to switch over to use of beneficiated coal and for utilization of ash for making bricks and other building materials.

(b) The Central Pollution Control Board has also issued directions under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the following thermal power plants to prepare action plan for switching over to use of beneficiated/blended coal with lower ash content and to work out the ash management plan including utilisation of ash for gainful purposes:

- Durgapur Projects Ltd., Durgapur, I, Distt. Burdwan, West Bengal.
- Talcher Thermal Station, NTPC Talcher, Distt. Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.
- Obra Thermal Power Station, U.P. State Electricity Board, Distt. Sonbhadra, Uttar Pradesh.
- Bandel Thermal Power Station, Triveni, Hooghly, West Bengal.
- Bokaro Thermal Power Station (Plant-A), DVS Bokaro, Distt. Dhanbad, Bihar.
- Patratu Thermal Power Station, Bihar State Electricity Board, Patratu, Bihar.
- Korba Thermal Power Station, Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (Easi), Korba, Madhya Pradesh.

- Hardwaganj Thermal Power Station, Kashimpur, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

- Panki Thermal Power Station, Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board, Panki, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.

(c) Presently, there is no such proposal in the Ministry of issue directions to the concerned agencies.

Consumer Courts and Fora

555. SHRI N.S.V. CHITTHAN :

SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :

KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Consumer Courts and Fora functioning at present, State-wise;

(b) whether despite the orders of the Supreme Court the consumer grievances redressal forums and courts have not been constituted in all the districts to various states including Delhi;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether in view of the inordinate delay in the disposal of the disputes due to less number of consumer Fora and Courts, the Government propose to open more such Courts and fora; and

(e) if so, the number of Courts and fora proposed to be set up and the time by which they are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) to (e) As per the information received from the States/UTs, at present 31 State Commissions and 506 District Fora (excluding J & K) set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 are functioning in the Country. In addition, one State Commission and two Divisional Fora set up under the Jammu & Kashmir Consumer Protection Act, 1987 are functioning in Jammu and Kashmir. State-wise details are given in the Statement enclosed

(d) and (e) The Consumer Protection Act, 1986 provides for setting up of Additional District Forum subject to the volume of work load. However, the responsibility of setting up of consumer courts rests with the State Governments/UT Administrations

Statement

State/UT	Number of District Fora
Andhra Pradesh	23
Arunachal Pradesh	12
Assam	23
Bihar	55
Goa	2
Gujarat	20
Haryana	16
Himachal Pradesh	12
Jammu & Kashmir	2
Karnataka	20
Kerala	14
Madhya Pradesh	45
Maharashtra	31
Manipur	8
Meghalaya	7
Mizoram	3
Nagaland	7
Orissa	31
Punjab	13
Rajasthan	32
Sikkim	4
Tamil Nadu	24
Tripura	3
Uttar Pradesh	72
West Bengal	19
Andaman & Nicobar	2
Chandigarh	.
D & N Haveli	1
Daman & Diu	2
Delhi	2
Lakshadweep	1
Pondicherry	1
Total	508

Farm Exports

556. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the potential of the Andhra Pradesh remains grossly underutilised despite its being the second largest producer of fruits, vegetables and flowers in the country with about 11 lakh hectares under horticultural crops and a total production of 83.35 lakh tonnes.

(b) if so, whether the State's total export have risen from Rs. 1,724 crore in 1992-93 to Rs. 3,477 crore in 1994-95 and Rs. 5,172 crore this year and yet it is still only 5 per cent of the national export figure of Rs. 1,06,353 crore;

(c) if so, the main reasons for the same; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Andhra Pradesh has potential for horticulture development which is now being tapped gradually through investments from State and Central Governments.

(b) and (c) Statewise export figures of horticulture crops are not maintained. However, the exports of these crops is showing an average increase of over 25% annually for the country which is likely to improve further

(d) The Government is promoting a number of schemes in the State with the objective of improving production and quality of horticulture crops so that surplus could be generated for exports. Support is also being provided for developing infrastructure for post harvest handling and exports of these crops. In addition, fiscal incentive in form of relief on import duty, subsidy on freight, brand promotion etc. are also being extended.

Fencing of Border

557. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the scheme for fencing of the International Border with Pakistan in Jammu was finalised;

(b) the amount incurred on the scheme for its execution and the reasons for delay in executing the same, if any;

(c) the time schedule for completing the task alongwith the latest estimates of the expenditure; and

(d) the latest position of fencing the border in other areas, Statewise ?